



OCCIDENTAL SQUARE PARK – STRUCTURE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

**Initial Public Input Meeting
Wednesday, January 24, 2007
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

**Maynard Building
92 S. Washington Street / 119 1st Avenue South
Pioneer Square**



Agenda

A. Introductions

- Karen du Four des Champs, Facilitator
- Patrick Donohue, Sr. Capital Project Coordinator for Seattle Parks
- Peter Watson, Sr. Partner with OTAK, Inc – Designer of structure
- KEY to “color coding” name tags

B. Overview of the Structure Replacement Project

C. Explanation of Group Process

D. Ground Rules for Full Participation

E. Small Group Work: generating ideas, suggestions, and recommendations

F. Cluster Process

G. Summarize Evening's Outcomes

H. Questions & General Comments

I. Outline Next Steps



Who Parks Notified

- Parks **sent meeting notification** to all addresses in the existing Occidental Park Database, as well as to carrier route addresses in the neighborhood.
- Parks **sent notices** to the *Pioneer Square Community Association*, the *Downtown Seattle Association*, the *South Downtown Association*, the *Pioneer Square Preservation Board*, and other community group mailing lists available.
- Parks **posted a 4X4 foot sign** at the project site.
- Parks **sent notices** to people who have attended previous meetings regarding Occidental Park or who e-mailed about the Park.
- Parks **sent a press release** to key media outlets.
- Meeting notifications are **posted on the project web site**.



Who's Who?

GREEN

Park user

RED

Business owner or developer in Pioneer Square

BLUE

Homeowner or lives in Pioneer Square

YELLOW

Social service agency serving the Pioneer Square community

ORANGE

Member of any association related to the activities of Pioneer Square

PURPLE

City Council member; City of Seattle staff member or contractor



Purpose of Tonight's Meeting

- To engage in a meaningful dialogue concerning the **proposed** Occidental Square Park Structure Replacement Project.
- To solicit your ideas about what the new structure will “**look and feel**” like.
- To **answer your questions** and provide current information on the project.



Overview of the Project

- As part of the **recent park renovation**, the original shelter was removed.
- **Must follow the Rules** for the Pioneer Square Preservation District.
- **Authority to build the structure is pending** outcome of current litigation.
- **Parks has retained** the services of design firm, OTAK, Inc.



Please Note!

- Public comments, ideas, suggestions and recommendations from tonight's meeting are **advisory** only. Final implementation of this project will take into consideration additional factors:
 - Rules of the Pioneer Square Preservation District
 - Building Codes
 - Budget
 - Outcome of current litigation



Current Givens

The replacement structure will be:

- Approximately **625 sq ft**
- Built on a **concrete slab**
- Located in the **same spot as the previous structure**
- **Compliant** with the regulations set forth by *Rules of the Pioneer Square Preservation District*.
- **Suitable for a viable leased commercial facility**, containing the following amenities:
 - Hand-wash sinks
 - Water for (non-public) bathroom
 - Lighting
 - 5 X 7 electrical storage closet adjoining/part of structure



Explanation of Group Process

- **To encourage participation** from all stakeholders, we ask you to:
 - Identify your interest in this project with a name tag and “color coded dot(s)”.
 - Sit at a table with others wearing different colored dots than your own.
- **Each table selects a time-keeper.**
- **Each table selects one person who helps keep the conversation moving**, so no one person dominates the small group discussion.
- **With a timer set, briefly introduce yourself** to those at your table and share your interest in attending this evening’s public meeting.
- **Working at your table, generate ideas**, suggestions and recommendations to the questions posed.
- **Post your ideas** on the Sticky Wall®.
- **Cluster** according to similarities.



Ground Rules for Full Participation

1. **Actively listen**: One person speaks at a time.
2. **Allow others to speak** without being interrupted.
3. **Invite conversation** – especially from the more quiet participants at your table.
4. **Be aware** of your emotional triggers on this topic, and keep your reactions and responses from becoming personal.
5. **Share** all relevant information.
6. **Ask questions** that further understanding.
7. **Avoid arguing**, speech-making and grandstanding.
8. **Contribute your ideas** and opinions clearly and succinctly. Explain your reasoning and intent.
9. **Respectfully challenge** beliefs and statements. There are no bad ideas. Acknowledge the value of different perspectives.
10. **Respect the time** constraints of this meeting.



Role of the Facilitator

As a neutral party, my role tonight is to:

- **Provide clarity** about our tonight's meeting process so all can feel comfortable participating.
- **Clarify** the intended outcomes.
- **Introduce** processes.
- **Maintain** the ground rules.
- **Keep the meeting focused**, on task and on the stated outcomes.
- **Remind you to use the microphone** so that everyone can hear. (Even individuals with a loud voice can be difficult to be heard by someone with a hearing impairment.)



Public Process for Occidental Park Shelter/Kiosk Replacement Project

| EVENT | PROPOSED Event Date |
|--|------------------------|
| Public Meeting #1 TONIGHT! | January 24, 2007 |
| Pioneer Square Preservation Board ARC Presentation #1 - Schematic Design Review | February 28, 2007 |
| Public Meeting #2 - Schematic Design Review | February 28, 2007 |
| Pioneer Square Preservation Board ARC Presentation #2 - Design Development Review | April 6, 2007 |
| Public Meeting #3 - Design Development Review | April 6, 2007 |
| Submit Application to Pioneer Square Preservation Board & 65 % CD's | May 4, 2007 |
| Presentation to PSPB | May 4, 2007 |
| DON Approval Process (10 to 15 Days) | May 7, 2007 |



After Tonight's Meeting

Refer to Slide #12 for a schedule of upcoming events relating to this project.

A Summary of Tonight's meeting will be posted on the Seattle Parks & Recreation's website.

<http://www.seattle.gov/parks/proparks/Projects/occidentalkiosk.htm>